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TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$50	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$200	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$360	\$ 0
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Respectfully submitted,

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ELECTION AND TRAVERSE

This election and traverse is being filed in response to the office action dated May 23, 2005. The office action requires restriction between claims 1-35 drawn to a device and method of reading and writing to a data storage medium (Group I claims) and claims 36-37 drawn to a method of manufacturing a storage medium (Group II claims).

Claims 1-35 (the Group I claims) are provisionally elected without traverse.

The office action requires further restriction between the different species shown in Figures 6a-6g. These figures illustrate different read operations.

All claims that do no recite read operations are considered generic. These generic claims include claims 1-7 (which relate to structure of a data storage device); claims 8-10 (which relate to write and erase operations), and claims 22-26 (which relate to write operations).

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Claims 11-21 and 27-35 relate to read operations. Of these claims, claims 21 and 27 are generic to Figures 6a-6g, and claims 11 and 28 are generic to figures 6a, 6b and 6f. Claims 12 and 29 recite the read method illustrated in figure 6b.

The species of Figure 6b is provisionally elected. Therefore, claims 1-12 and 21-29 should be examined.

The restriction of the species is respectfully traversed. According to MPEP § 803 (Restriction – when proper), there are two criteria for a proper requirement for restriction between patentably distinct inventions: (A) The inventions must be independent or distinct; and (B) There must be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is required.

The restriction of the species is traversed because examining the different species will not place a serious burden on the examiner. A search of the read operation illustrated in figure 6b will likely cover the read operations illustrated in figures 6a and 6c-6f. All the examiner has to do is apply the search results to claims 13-20 and 30-35. Examination of claims 13-20 and 30-35 might add a burden on the examiner, but the burden will not be serious.

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The examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the restriction of the species and proceed to examine claims 1-35.

Respectfully submitted,

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